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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held in Director's
Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, on 7 December 1950

Director of Central Intelligence
Lieutenant General Walter Bedell Smith
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Jr., Special Assistant, Intelligence,
Department of State
Major General A. R. Bolling, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2,
Department of the Army
Rear Admiral Felix L. Johnson, Director of Naval Intelligence
Brigadier General Ernest B. Moore, acting for Director of
Intelligence, Headquarters, United States Air Force
Dr. Walter F. Colby, Director of Intelligence, Atomic
Energy Commission
Captain R. G. McCool, USN, acting for Deputy Director for
Intelligence, The Joint Staff
Mr. Victor P. Keay, acting for Assistant to the Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. William H. Jackson, Central Intelligence Agency
Dr. William L. Langer, Central Intelligence Agency
Mr. Shane MacCarthy, Central Intelligence Agency
Mr. Ludwell Montague, Central Intelligence Agency
Mr. Lyman B. Kirkpatrick, Central Intelligence Agency
Mr. Allan Evans, Department of State
Mr. William C. Trueheart, Department of State
Colonel Hamilton H. Howze, Department of the Army
Dr. Samuel McKee, Jr., Department of the Army
Mr. Roy S. Tod, Department of the Army
Captain John M. Ocker, USN, Department of the Navy
Colonel Edward H. Porter, Department of the Air Force
Lieut. Colonel J. C. Marchant, Department of the Air Force
Mr. C. D. DeLoach, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Acting Secretary
Mr. James Q. Reber
Central Intelligence Agency

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a. The minutes of the meeting of 2 December (IAC-M-9) were approved.

b. No objections were raised to the minutes of the meeting of 16 November (IAC-M-6) and 30 November (IAC-M-8).

Presentation on comparative study of
US-USSR military and industrial strength
(No document)

2. Action: General Smith directed that Dr. Babbitt, who headed up the interagency collaboration in preparation of the charts and who presented the charts at this meeting, should make the modifications suggested by the members especially showing Satellite breakdown on USSR bars, and adding to the charts as appropriate material on China and Japan. General Smith said that the books containing these charts in color should be given highest security handling and would be given directly to and for the personal use of the President, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, the Chairman of the NSRB, and the members of the IAC. The constant revisions will be handled in like manner.

Draft Terms of Reference: China
(for NIE-10) (IAC-D-7/1)

referred in E.O. review (Draft)
NIE 10 (17 Jan 51)
only

3. Action: Noted the draft terms of reference and authorized Dr. Langer, in collaboration with the other agencies, to proceed on further necessary refinement of the terms of reference and production of the estimate.

4. It was agreed that hereafter draft terms of reference will come to the IAC only when staff differences must be resolved.

NSRB Request for an Estimate
(No Document)

(Draft)
referred in E.O. review
NIE 10 (17 Jan 51)

5. Action: Agreed that a national estimate should be prepared in pursuance of the request from the NSRB with respect to chemical and biological warfare. It was understood that work had already been going forward on these questions and the estimate could be

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completed by the requested date of 10 December. Though the IAC recognized the close relationship between the specific request of the NSRB and radio-active warfare, General Smith directed that if the inclusion of the latter subject would hamper our meeting the deadline, its consideration at this time be omitted and a notation to this effect be included in the paper.

Intelligence Requirements re Spitzbergen:
Draft of Request to General Bradley
(IAC-D-5/2)

6. Action: Agreed that General Smith should dispatch the proposed draft letter as revised and its attachment to General Bradley.

Watch Committee Terms of Reference
(IAC-D-6)

7. Action: Agreed that there should be a single Watch Committee in the Government properly operated with the full participation of the IAC members. This Committee should be the Watch Committee currently located in the Pentagon and headed by General Weckerling. General Smith stated that the Watch Committee headed by the CIA should be abolished and that the terms of reference before the members would, therefore, not need to be acted upon. He requested General Bolling to have distributed to the member agencies the terms of reference under which the present Watch Committee in the Pentagon is operating and arrange for such modification as may be necessary to provide the U. S. Government the service required. General Smith stated that it was his responsibility to see that there is an arrangement in the Government for carrying out the functions of a Watch Committee, that he did not consider it necessary for the CIA to head it, that this Committee should serve the entire Government and should accordingly be fully supported. He said that he was prepared to provide such financial or other support as was necessary for this Committee to fulfill his needs under the statute. It was understood that teletype facilities already exist which would ensure communication necessary to meet the needs of the DCI and the IAC members.

German Defector Exploitation
Center (IAC-D-8)

8. Action: Agreed in principle that the Defector Center in

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Germany should be administered by the DCI and that instructions to the field for the establishment of the Center in keeping with the procedures laid down by the Interagency Defector Committee should be issued only after there had been full clearance among the agencies concerned and with their representatives in the field as these agencies thought necessary. Agreed that there was no need for this matter to come before the IAC for further action.

Crisis Estimate on Germany, Iran
and Indochina

9. Action: Agreed that the current situation requires that there be prepared an estimate on current Soviet intentions and capabilities regarding Germany, Iran, and Indochina since these are most likely to be the next areas of aggressive moves by the Soviet or their Satellites, it being understood that this estimate would be issued as a preliminary estimate without elaborate discussion and with the understanding that a fuller treatment would be forthcoming.

10. Discussion: Mr. Armstrong called attention to the increasingly ominous developments in Germany which closely parallel those which preceded the invasion of South Korea. Because of these developments it seemed to him necessary that there be prepared on an urgent basis an estimate with respect to the German situation.

11. It was recognized that this situation did require a crisis estimate but probably should have included with it an estimate of probable or possible Soviet moves in respect to Indochina and Iran. Dr. Langer pointed out that an effort had been made to make more thorough preparations in the development of estimates and that the quality desired could not be achieved on a crisis basis. He recognized, however, the urgency of the matter and proposed that a fuller study should go on after the preliminary estimate question had been made.

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Soviet Union and Action
With Respect to Germany
(1 Feb 51)
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